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August 17, 1973

TO: Ambassador Bruce

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

1. As you know, we proposed to Chinese two alternative periods for my visit, September 13 to 16 and September 6 to 9. They have now replied with the following note:

"Of the two periods of time suggested by the US side for Dr. Kissinger's visit to China, the period from September 6 through September 9 is convenient to the Chinese side.

"If this is agreeable to the US side, the Chinese side suggests that an announcement to the press in the following wording on Dr. Kissinger's visit to China be issued by the two sides either on August 23 or August 27:

'It has been agreed upon through consultations that the Assistant to the U.S. President for National Security Affairs Dr. Henry A. Kissinger will visit the People's Republic of China from September 6 through September 9, 1973.'"

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2. For reasons completely unrelated to the PRC, I am inclined to tell them September is now out and to propose something in October, unless you have substantial considerations to the contrary. In any case, I do not plan to respond until next week. What do you think?

3. Warm regards.

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